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SUBJECT: POLITICAL POTPOURRI

1. CENTER UNITY TALKS IN AN ALL DAY MEETING YESTERDAY, LEADERS OF CENTRO DEMOCRATICO AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC TEAM FAILED TO AGREE ON ANY NATIONA WIDE ELECTORAL COALITION, AND FOCUSED THEIR EFFORTC INSTEAN ON THE EXAMI-NATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ELECTORAL LISTS ON A PROVINCE BY PROVINCE BASIS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE: (1) WHERE UNFIRED CENTRO TEAM LISTS MIGHT BE FORMED; (2) WHERE ONE OR THE OTHER GROUP MIGHT DROP OUT AND PERMIT THE FIELDING OR EITHER A CENTRO OR A TRAM SLATE. AND (3) WHERE THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE BOTH CENTRO ANDTEAM SLATES. NO OFFICIAL
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STATEMENT REPORTEDLY WILL BE MADE BY EITHER GROUP
UNTIL THIS DETAILED TASK IS COMPLETED.

2. CORTES PLENARY HELD UNLIKELY ALTHOUGH ALIZANZA POPULAR REPORTEDLY HAS GATHERED MORE THAN THE REQUIRED 100 SIGNATURES BY CORTES (PARLIAMANET) DEPUTIES IN ORDER TO REQUEST THE CONVOCAION OF AN EXTRAORDIANRY PLENARY

SESSION TO "DISCUSS" THE LEGAIZATION OF THE PCE.
THIS REQUEST IS CONSIDERED TO BE NOT LEGALLY BINDING
ON CORTES PRESIDENT FERNENADEZ MIRANDA. SINCE THE REQUESTED
PLENARY WOULD BE USED AS A PLATFORM FROM WHICH
THESE CONSERVATION DEPUTIES WOULD ASSAIL THE GOVT. IT
IS HIGHTLY UNLIKELY THAT FERNANDEZ MIRANDA WOULD ACQUISCES
IN IT, THE SIGNER IN FACT MAY BE SEEKING TO EXPLOIT THE EXPECTED
DENIAL,
AND COULD LEAD TO MASS RESIGNATIONS OF RGHTIST DEPUTIES FROM
THE LAEGELY MORIBUND CORTES.

3. SHOCKWAVES FROM CARRILLO'S PRESS CONFERENCE. ACCORDING
TO MADRID' EL PAIS," A NUMBER OF MIDDLE LEVEL OFFICIALS
OF THE PCE'S CATALAN BRANCH (PSUC) HAVE EXPRESSED
CONSTERNATION OVER PCE SEC GEN CARRILLO'S ANNOUNCED
CONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE MONARCHY AND DEFENSE OF THE
UNITY OF SPAIN (MADRID 2992). SOME MILITANTS REPORTED
SAID THAT TH PSUC'S BASE SIMPLY WOULD NOT ACCEPT
TESE DECISION, WHILE ON ADDED "I AM A REPUBLICAN
BEFORE I AM A COMMUNIST... NO DEMOCRATIC CATALAN PARTY

DISPLAYS THE SPANISH FLAG AT ITS MMETINGS. IF THE
PSUC DOES IT, IT WILL REMAIN ALONE, WITHOUT MILITANTS
OR SYMPATHIZERS.

4. BODIES OF TWO SPANISH POLICEMEN UNEARTHED THE BODIES
OF TWO SPANISH POLICMEN MISSING FROM THE SPANISH
BASQUE COUNTRY HAVE BEEN FOUND BURIED ON A BEACH NEAR
BIARRITZ IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. THE TWO POLICEMEN, WHO
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DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT MARCH 4,1976. AFTER CROSSING OVER
INTO FRANCE FROM SAN SEBSATIAN GUIPUZCOA WERE
RUMORED TO HAVE BEEN SLAIN BY THE BASQUE TERRORIST ETA.
ALTHOUGH NO ETA GROUP EVER CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY AND
ETA SOURCES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE REPORTEDLY
CONTINUE TO DENY THAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS IN ANY WAY
CONNECTED WITH THEIR DEATHS. (COMMENT: THERE WAS SO
MUCH INTERNECINE ETA STRIFE DURING THIS PERIOD THAT
THE DENAIL OF ONE GROUP DOES NOT RULE OUT THE MURDER OF THE
TWO BY ANOTHER.)STABLER

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